

# Idaho Grain Market Report, April 5, 2019—NEW CROP PRICES

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Prices paid by Idaho Elevators delivered to warehouses in specified locations for barley and wheat on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. Barley prices in \$/Cwt. And wheat prices in \$/bu.

	<b>Barley (Cwt.) FEED  48 lbs or better</b>	<b>MALTING  Open Market Malting</b>	<b>Wheat (bu.) Milling  #1 SWW</b>	<b>#1 HRW 11.5% Protein</b>	<b>#1 DNS 14% Protein</b>	<b>#1 HWW</b>
Rexburg / Ririe	6.00-6.75		4.33-4.55	4.83	4.89	4.83-4.85
Idaho Falls		8.30-8.33	4.30	5.00	5.10	5.00
Pocatello		7.06	4.30	5.00	4.80	5.00
Grace / Soda Springs	6.60		4.39	4.54	4.72	4.79
Burley / Rupert	6.25		4.45	4.22	4.55	4.92
Twin Falls / Buhl Jerome / Wendell	5.00-6.50		3.75-4.38	4.55	4.72	4.69
Nampa / Weiser			4.40			
Nezperce / Craigmont	5.21		5.12	5.17	5.59	
Lewiston	5.73		5.38	5.43	5.85	
Moscow / Genesee	5.24-5.43		5.15-5.20	5.20-5.40	5.62-5.77	

## Prices at Selected Terminal Markets, cash FOB

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	<b>#2 Feed Barley 46 lbs. --</b>	<b>Malting Barley</b>	<b>#1 SWW</b>	<b>#1 HRW 11.5% Protein</b>	<b>#1 DNS 14% Protein</b>	<b>#1 HWW</b>
Portland			5.90-6.00	6.03-6.33	6.41-6.56	
Ogden	7.45		4.69	4.84	5.08	5.16
Great Falls	6.25-6.50	8.20-8.25		4.87-4.96	5.14-5.24	
Minneapolis					6.40-6.50	

## Market News and Trends This Week

**BARLEY**—Idaho cash feed barley and malt barley prices were unchanged for the week ending April 3, 2019. For the period March 22-28, USDA FAS reported no net export barley sales. Barley exports of 1,300 MT were primarily to Japan.

**Barley Trends/ News**—According to Peter Watts of the Canadian Malting Barley Technical Centre, as reported in the Manitoba Co-Operator, barley acreage in Western Canada is expected to increase by about five percent this year due to strong prices for both feed and malt. In addition, although China has a history of importing the majority of its barley and malt from Australia, Canadian-grown malt is steadily increasing its market share. Australia grew 60 percent of China's imported barley in 2016, while Canada accounted for 20 percent. However, given Australia's drought in recent years, Canada has gained some of the market share in China. With U.S./China Trade Talks currently underway and near concluding, hopefully new opportunities will be opened up for U.S. barley growers as well. China's demand for barley and malt is expected to increase steadily due to China's lower grain production due to urbanization and limited farmland.

## USDA Announces Sign-Up Period for Updated Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

The next deadline for Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications to be considered for funding is **May 10, 2019**. NRCS plans to invest up to \$700 million for new enrollments and contract extensions in FY 2019. The 2018 Farm Bill made several changes to this critical conservation program, which helps agricultural producers take the conservation activities on their farm or ranch to the next level. For more information, go to: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/newsroom/releases/?cid=NRCSEPRD1452817>.

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## Market News and Trends This Week—continued

**WHEAT**—Idaho cash wheat prices remained mixed at elevators around the state for the week ending April 3, 2019. SWS prices ranged from down \$0.25 to up \$0.30 from the previous week; HRW prices were \$0.11 lower to \$0.09 higher; DNS prices were \$0.27 to \$0.31 lower; and HWW prices were \$0.16 lower to \$0.09 higher. USDA FAS reported net export sales for the week ending March 28, of 704,700 MT up 48% from the previous week and 70% up from the 4 week prior average. Increases were reported were for Iraq (200,000 MT), Egypt (119,500 MT), Indonesia (115,000 MT), the Philippines (70,000 MT), and Mexico (62,5000 MT). Reductions were reported for unknown destinations (28,700 MT), and Canada (8,200 MT). Exports of 415,800 MT were down 2% from the previous week and 23% down from the 4 week prior average. The destinations were primarily to Guatemala (62,100 MT), Nigeria (51,900 MT), Japan 47,700 MT), and Mexico (39,500 MT).

**Wheat Trends/News**—Kansas City and Chicago wheat markets saw strength after the USDA's weekly export report showed increased wheat sales for the current marketing year and next marketing year. This was the largest sales weekly volume since July 2013. As of March 28, cumulative wheat sales stand at 92.6% of the USDA forecast for 2018/19 (current) marketing year versus a 5 year average of 94.3%. Minneapolis wheat continues to struggle as trade fears that China will continue to shun Canadian canola in retaliation to the Huawei Technologies executive who was arrested in Canada after a U.S. extradition request. The reaction will most likely be less canola acreage and more spring wheat acreage.

**CORN**—USDA FAS reported net export sales for the week ending March 28, were 537,300 MT, down 41% from the previous week and down 31% from the prior 4 week average. Increases were reported for Japan (258,300 MT), Mexico (229,900 MT), Colombia (114,900 MT), Peru (93,800 MT), and Honduras (29,500 MT). Reductions were primarily for unknown destinations (215,700 MT). Exports of 1,262,200 MT were up 32% from the previous week and up 55% from the prior 4 week average. The destinations were primarily to Mexico (397,000 MT), Japan (180,400 MT), Colombia (163,700), Peru (145,600 MT), and South Korea (72,500 MT).

**Ethanol corn usage**—DOE's Energy Information Agency (EIA) reported ethanol production for the week ending March 29 averaged 999 thousand bbls/day – up 2.46% from the previous week and down 3.76% from last year. Total ethanol prod. for the week came in at 6.993 million barrels. Ethanol stocks were 23.992 million bbls on March 29, down 1.87% from last week and up 6.99% from last year. An estimated 103.02 million bu of corn was used in last week's production bringing this crop year's cumulative corn usage for ethanol prod. at 3.18 billion bu. The USDA estimates 107.06 million bu per week is needed for the total crop year estimate of 5.55 billion bu.

## Futures Market News and Trends This Week—Week Ending April 4, 2019

**WHEAT FUTURES**—Futures markets for Soft Red Winter Wheat and Hard Red Winter Wheat showed significant gains this week, while Hard Red Spring Wheat futures took another major hit for the week ending April 4, 2019.

**Wheat futures prices ranged from down \$0.27¼ to up \$0.13 (per bu). Wheat futures settlement prices (per bu) for Thursday, April 4, 2019:**

	May 2019	Week Change	Jul 2019	Week Change	Sep 2019	Week Change	Dec 2019	Week Change
CHI SRW	\$4.70¾	\$0.13	\$4.73¾	\$0.10¼	\$4.81¼	\$0.10¼	\$4.95½	\$0.10¾
KC HRW	\$4.39½	\$0.09½	\$4.45¼	\$0.07½	\$4.56	\$0.07¼	\$4.76¼	\$0.06½
MGE DNS	\$5.27½	-\$0.27½	\$5.36½	-\$0.20½	\$5.46¾	-\$0.16	\$5.61½	-\$0.12½

**CORN FUTURES**—Corn futures also saw a reversal of gains from the previous week as markets closed for the week ending April 4, 2019. **May 2019 contract closed Thursday, April 4 at \$3.65¼, up \$0.08¾ for the week; July 2019 contract closed at \$3.74¼, up \$0.08; September 2019 contract closed at \$3.82½, up \$0.07½ from the previous week; and December 2019 closed at \$3.92¼, up \$0.07½ for the week.**

**CRUDE OIL FUTURES**—Crude oil markets continued higher for the week ending April 4, 2019 and seem to be on a bullish trend. Supply restrictions caused by the OPEC-led supply cuts and the U.S. sanctions against Iran and Venezuela are the main price drivers. In addition, after this week's better-than-expected economic numbers from China, the demand picture has improved drastically.

EIA reported U.S. crude oil refinery inputs averaged 15.8 million bbls/day during the week ending March 29, 2019 18,000 bbls/day more than last week's average. Refineries operated at 86.4% of capacity last week. As of March 29, there was an increase in Crude Oil stocks of 7.238 million bbls over last week to 449.521 million bbls, under the 5-year average of 452.295 million bbls. Distillate stocks decreased by 1.998 million bbls to a total of 128.169 million bbls, under the 5-year average of 136.993 million bbls; while gasoline stocks decreased by 1.781 million bbls to 236.839 million bbls, over the 232.392 million bbl 5-year average. The national average retail regular gasoline price was \$2.691 per gallon on April 1, \$0.068 higher than last week's price but \$0.009 under a year ago. The national average retail diesel fuel price was \$3.078 per gallon, down \$0.002 per gallon from last week's level but up \$0.036 over a year ago.

**Oil Futures finished up for the week to close at \$62.10/bbl on Thursday, April 4, 2019 (May contract), up \$0.51 from the previous week.**

## USDA Crop Progress / Condition Report—REPORTING TO RESUME APRIL 2019

USDA Crop Progress and Condition Reporting will resume in next week's Idaho Grain Market Report.

### USDA U.S. Crop Weather Highlights—April 3, 2019

**West**—The return of dry weather to California. Lingering spotty rain showers from Pacific Northwest to northern and central Rockies. Favorable dry, mild weather in the Southwest.

**Plains**—Mostly cold rain and light precipitation progresses across Nebraska and parts of the neighboring states. Near or below normal temperatures elsewhere.

**Corn Belt**—Still soggy fields maintaining a slow rate of evaporation due to the cool weather. Very high water levels and lowland flooding due to snow melting in parts of upper Midwest.

**South**—Portions of the Carolinas in a frost advisory. Throughout the South, cool, dry weather is allowing planting activities and other spring fieldwork.

**Outlook for U.S.**—By Friday, a disorganized weather system will move across the Plains and reach the East. Parts of the interior Northeast may receive snow. Across the eastern half of the U.S., the weekend may bring additional precipitation, with heavy showers expected in parts of the South. From eastern Texas to Alabama, 5 day rainfall totals could reach 2-4 inches. Heavy precipitation returning late in the week across California and the Pacific Northwest. The NWS 6-20 day outlook for April 8-12 calls for the likelihood of warmer than normal weather across the South. Near or below normal temperatures cover the northern half of the U.S. Wetter than normal conditions throughout the northern and eastern U.S. Below normal precipitation in the sought central U. S including Texas.

### International U.S. Crop Weather Highlights—April 2, 2019

**Europe**— Southern Dryness. Showers elsewhere. Drought continued to impact vegetative wheat and barley in Spain.

**Middle East**— Rain and snow continue from Mediterranean Coast into Iran, maintaining an abundant to excessive moisture supplies for greening to vegetative winter grain.

**FSU**— Cooler weather slowed winter wheat development in southern portions of Ukraine and Russia and kept northerly crop areas under snowpack.

**Asia**— Harvesting in southern Asia. Unseasonably warm in Eastern China. Spring rainfall in the Philippines.

**Australia**— Widespread showers in southern Queensland and northern New South Wales slows summer crop dry down and harvesting, but the rain was overall beneficial, bringing additional drought relief.

**South America**— Widespread showers benefited Brazilian crops.

**South Africa**— Unseasonable warmth and dryness continue.

**Northwest Africa**— Drought in the West, favorable in the East.

### United States Drought Monitor by the National Drought Mitigation Center—April 3, 2019

#### National Drought Summary for 4/3/2019 Summary:

**Northwest**— Free of drought.

**West**— Parts of north central Washington. Drought was expanded.

**South**— Dry weather brings dryness brings severe drought northward in parts of south central Texas.

**Midwest**— Free of drought or dryness.

**High Plains**— Most of the region is free of drought.

**Looking Ahead**— from Central Plains eastward through East Coast there will be widespread precipitation. Heavy amounts of precipitation in eastern Texas and Arkansas and the central Gulf States. Forecast of precipitation in the Sierra Nevada, northwestern California, southwestern Washington, Oregon, Wyoming, Utah, and Idaho. Above normal temperatures over the next week in the central U.S.

